# Repair or Replace? A South Florida Owner's Guide to Vacuum Cleaner Repair

A practical guide from Gator Vacuum & Sewing Co. in Coral Springs, FL on deciding whether to repair or replace a vacuum cleaner. Covers cost thresholds, common failures by brand, and local repair options for Broward and Palm Beach County. Learn more at

A vacuum that's lost suction or started smelling hot isn't automatically junk. Most of the units we see at our Coral Springs showroom are fixable for a fraction of replacement cost - but not all of them, and knowing the difference saves money.

**The simple rule.** If the repair costs more than half the price of a comparable new machine, replacement usually wins. A $90 repair on a $600 SEBO or Dyson is an easy yes. The same repair on a $120 big-box vacuum is not.

**Worth repairing almost every time:**

- Clogged or jammed brush rolls
- Worn drive belts
- Cracked hoses and wands
- Clogged filters and lost suction
- Cord rewind failures

**Lean toward replacing when:**

- The motor has burned out on an entry-level machine
- The plastic chassis is cracked at structural points
- Parts are discontinued (common on models 12+ years old)

**Brand matters.** Premium brands like Dyson, SEBO, Electrolux, and Kirby are built to be serviced for a decade or more, so repair is often the smart call. Disposable-tier machines frequently aren't worth the bench time.

Not sure which camp yours falls in? We diagnose in-store at our Mega Showroom on West Sample Road, and our mobile "Gator Van" does same-day service across Broward and Palm Beach County. Details and tune-up specials at Gator Vacuum.